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- Senior Trump administration officials mulled during a National Security Council meeting earlier this week whether they should push for new legislation that would bar technology companies from using end-to-end encryption software that prevents law enforcement agencies from reading a suspect's data, according to three people familiar with the matter. The meeting, which included the second-ranked officials at several key agencies, did not produce an outcome. (Politico)

- The city council in Somerville, Mass., passed a measure banning the local government's use of facial recognition technology in public spaces, making it the second U.S. city to do so, after San Francisco's move last month. The local government in Oakland, Calif., will vote on a similar measure next month. (Motherboard)

- Jony Ive, Apple Inc.'s design chief, is leaving the company after about 30 years to start his own firm, called LoveFrom. Apple is Ive's first client at the new venture, and Ive said he still plans to be "very involved" with the Silicon Valley company. (Financial Times)

Chart Review

Almost 40% of LGBTQ tech employees that participated in a survey said they've witnessed homophobic discrimination and harassment at work
Business Insider

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

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FCC's Upper Midwest Rural Tour

FTC Cmr. Phillips featured on Sedona Conference panel on Standard Essential Patents and Antitrust	1:00 pm

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Understanding Gen Z: The Definitive Guide to the Next Generation

Based on nearly 1,000 survey interviews with 18-21 year-olds, Morning Consult's 'Understanding Gen Z' report digs into the values, habits, aspirations, politics, and concerns that are shaping Gen Z adults and the ways they differ from the generations that came before them.

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General

As Trump and Xi Talk Trade, Huawei Will Loom Large
Raymond Zhong, The New York Times

President Trump and China's leader, Xi Jinping, are expected to try again to resolve their tariff war when they meet in Japan on Saturday. First, they will need to figure out what to do about Huawei.

Big Tech has a lot to lose in the Trump-Xi Jinping talks
Clare Duffy, CNN

As President Donald Trump arrives in Japan for the G20 summit, Big Tech companies will be closely watching his planned meeting with Chinese leader Xi Jinping. The trade dispute between the United States and China has disrupted a lot companies. The stakes for tech are particularly high.

Some Uber and Lyft drivers say they were misled into petitioning against their own worker rights
Shirin Ghaffary, Vox

Several California drivers told Recode they signed messages from Lyft and Ubers asking politicians to support their job flexibility, without realizing they were campaigning against being classified as employees.

Biden pushes smart guns as solution for gun violence during primary debate
Makena Kelly, The Verge

During Thursday night's Democratic debates, former Vice President Joe Biden pitched his "smart gun" policy on the national stage when asked how he would work to combat gun violence.

Waymo hires former Anki engineers to lead truck efforts
Joann Muller, Axios

In one fell swoop, Waymo hired 13 robotics experts from defunct consumer robot maker Anki, including co-founder and former CEO Boris Sofman, to lead its nascent trucking initiative.

Apple, Amazon and the rest of Big Tech all have a lot to learn from

the Green New Deal
Katharine Schwab, Fast Company

For many years, the biggest technology companies have made pioneering commitments to reducing their energy footprint. Google and Apple claim to be completely carbon neutral: Apple says all its facilities are powered entirely by renewable energy, while Google has become the world's largest buyer of renewable energy to offset its energy costs.

How a Big U.S. Chip Maker Gave China the 'Keys to the Kingdom'
Kate O'Keeffe and Brian Spegele, The Wall Street Journal

Advanced Micro Devices Inc. transformed itself from a financially struggling company to an investor's dream in just three years, a turnaround that began with a decision to help Chinese partners develop advanced computer-chip technology.

U.S. Futures, European Stocks Rise as G-20 Starts: Markets Wrap
Laura Curtis, Bloomberg

American equity futures climbed alongside European stocks on Friday ahead of the highly anticipated U.S.-China presidential meeting that could determine the next chapter in the trade war. Asian shares edged lower, while bonds drifted.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

IBM gains unconditional EU approval for $34 billion Red Hat deal
Foo Yun Chee, Reuters

U.S. tech giant International Business Machines Corp (IBM.N) on Thursday won unconditional EU antitrust approval for its $34 billion acquisition of software company Red Hat (RHT.N).

Facebook and Google likely to face new regulators for news and ads
Josh Taylor, The Guardian

Facebook and Google are likely to face a strong push for new regulators in Australia to oversee news and advertising on their platforms following the completion of the competition regulator's inquiry into the tech giants.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

House votes to block Ajit Pai's plan to kill San Francisco broadband law
Jon Brodkin, Ars Technica

The US House of Representatives has voted to block Ajit Pai's attempt to kill a San Francisco ordinance designed to promote broadband competition in apartment buildings. As we reported last week, the Federal Communications Commission chair has scheduled a July 10 vote on a measure that would preempt the San Francisco city ordinance, which lets Internet service providers use the existing wiring inside multiunit residential and commercial properties even if the wiring is already used by another ISP that serves the building.

Ajit Pai's Silence on Phone Tracking Abuse Is Further Eroding Faith in His Competence
Dell Cameron, Gizmodo

The Federal Communication Commission's investigation into the unauthorized sale of Americans' location data is now in its second year and still, no one outside of FCC Chairman Ajit Pai's office knows a thing about it. On Capitol Hill, faith in his ability to properly handle these apparent violations has reached an all-time low.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

American cops have openly engaged in Islamophobia on Facebook, with no penalties
Will Carless and Michael Corey, Reveal News

"WELL, LOOK WHO THE DEMS HAVE AS A DEPUTY CHAIR!" The message by Richard Crites, a sheriff's deputy in Missouri, starts off like so many political posts on Facebook.

A Facebook contractor posted Bruce Springsteen lyrics to protest their working conditions. He was fired two weeks later.
Elizabeth Dwoskin, The Washington Post

Facebook content moderators who review violent and other explicit content are making a renewed push for better treatment, as they say Facebook continues to underpay them and undervalue their contributions.

Social Media Data Analysis Center Included in Senate's NDAA
Dwight A. Weingarten, Morning Consult

In an attempt to bolster defenses from foreign interference in elections, the Senate passed legislation as part of its annual defense authorization bill to establish a Social Media Data Analysis Center to coordinate and track foreign social media influence operations.

Facebook enlists plain English to clarify how it makes money
Rachel Lerman, The Associated Press

Facebook is updating its terms and services guidelines to clarify how it makes money from the personal information of its users. The changes reflect its ongoing attempts to satisfy regulators in the U.S. and Europe, which have urged the company to make sure users know what they are signing up for.

The Culture War Has Finally Come For Wikipedia
Joseph Bernstein, BuzzFeed News

The once-derided open-source encyclopedia is the closest thing the internet has to an oasis of truth. Now a single-user ban has exposed the deep rifts between Wikipedia's libertarian origins and its egalitarian aspirations, and threatened that stability.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Facebook Did Not Address Hacking Attack on Popular Grief Support Page for Weeks, Moderators Say
Neil Vigdor and Laura M. Holson, The New York Times

A popular Facebook grief support page reclaimed control of its account Thursday after a hacking attack that page administrators say went unaddressed for seven weeks. The case is the latest knock on Facebook's efforts to monitor content on its platform.

House passes sweeping Democrat-backed election security bill

Maggie Miller and JulieGrace Brufke, The Hill

The House passed a Democrat-backed bill that would require election systems to use voter-verified paper ballots as an attempt to avoid election interference by a party-line vote of 225-184 on Tuesday, with only one Republican voting in favor.

FDA warns of cybersecurity risk to certain Medtronic insulin pumps
Uday Sampath, Reuters

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said on Thursday that certain insulin pumps of Medtronic Plc were being recalled due to a potential risk of them being hacked. The drug regulator said it was not aware of any confirmed reports of patient harm related to the potential cybersecurity risks.

When You Listen, They Watch: Pre-Saving Albums Can Allow Labels to Track Users on Spotify
Micah Singleton, Billboard

Users who "pre-save" an upcoming release to their Spotify accounts may be sharing more personal data with the act's label than they realize. To pre-save music, which adds a release to a user's library as soon as it comes out, Spotify users click through and approve permissions that give the label far more account access than the streaming giant normally grants them - enough to track what they listen to, change what artists they follow and potentially even control their music streaming remotely.

Google's new reCAPTCHA has a dark side
Katharine Schwab, Fast Company

We've all tried to log into a website or submit a form only to be stuck clicking boxes of traffic lights or storefronts or bridges in a desperate attempt to finally convince the computer that we're not actually a bot. For many years, this has been one of the predominant ways that reCaptcha-the Google-run internet bot detector-has determined whether a user is a bot or not.

You No Longer Own Your Face
Sidney Fussell, The Atlantic

If there are 20 people in a coffee shop, then there are at least 21 cameras: One embedded in each phone, and, usually at least, one tucked high in the corner.

What you say may be overheard and tweeted; you might even appear in the background of another's patron's selfie or Skype session.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

America's IP System Must Protect Inventors, Not Patent Pirates
Dee Stewart, Morning Consult

It is no question that America's inventors and entrepreneurs take risks. Our nation's knowledge economy is built by those willing to pursue new discoveries and advancements.

The purpose of a Space Force is a spacefaring economy
Peter Garretson, The Hill

America needs a Space Force for the same reason it needed a Navy: to secure American interests, especially commerce upon the great ocean that is space. In the 19th century, America realized the tremendous benefits that would be possible were it to become a seafaring nation. With the desire to be seafaring came a need for a Navy to secure its citizens, their property and their transport far from American shores.

I Compete With Facebook, and It's No Monopoly
Mark Weinstein, The Wall Street Journal

I'm chief executive officer of a social network that competes with Facebook , so you might expect I'd agree with those seeking to break up Facebook in the name of fair competition. In fact, I strongly oppose the idea.

Research Reports

Don't Shoot the Message Board
Michael Masnick, Copia Institute and NetChoice

As debates have increased over the appropriate levels of liability that should be placed on internet platforms, there has been precious little research looking into the actual impact of strong intermediary and platform protections from liability on innovation and investment. This paper takes an initial look at different legal regimes across different times and regions to attempt to separate

out the impact.

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